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## The Brady Brief - Continuing to Make it in America

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On Wednesday, the House voted to boost the American manufacturing industry and create jobs by requiring the Congress and Department of Homeland Security to purchase products that are made in America. The two bills, the Congressional Made in America Promise Act and the Berry Amendment Extension Act, are part of the Congressional "Make it in America" national manufacturing strategy to create the high-skill, high-wage jobs of the future—promoting American competitiveness, innovation, and exports.

The Congressional Made in America Promise Act requires Congress to buy goods and services made by American workers for the first time since "Buy American" rules were instituted for federal agencies under President Roosevelt in 1933. The Berry Amendment Extension Act continues to ban the Department of Homeland Security from buying various products that are not "grown, reprocessed, reused or produced" in America. For the last 60 years, the Berry Amendment has served our nation well, requiring the Defense Department and the Coast Guard to buy a range of domestically produced or grown items with 100% U.S. content.

These bills continue with the commitment that Congress has made toward promoting American manufacturing as a vitally important source of American jobs and American products. The "Make it in America" strategy also includes the following, but for detailed information, please visit [my website](#).

- Closing tax loopholes that encourage corporations to outsource U.S. jobs overseas
- Boosting incentives to create American clean energy jobs like making state-of-the-art wind turbines and solar panels—paid for by ending corporate welfare to Big Oil
- Strengthening rules that U.S. and its contractors buy products made in America, especially to build transportation, energy, and communications infrastructure
- Giving incentives to hire and re-train America's returning veterans for new clean energy jobs

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